

Chart your own course!

That's what SHIP is all about: helping more than 900,000 Indiana Medicare beneficiaries make their own informed decisions about health insurance, by answering their health insurance questions.

Why our SHIP doesn't have any sales

SHIP stands for **State Health Insurance Assistance Program**. The key word is *"information."* We don't sell anything. Instead, we give qualified, objective and **FREE** assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, who have concerns with, or questions about their health insurance. It's exactly the sort of information you need to keep your coverage SHIP-shape!

Looking for a speaker?

SHIP has **FREE** speakers available for your group or community program. They can talk to large or small groups, on many health care insurance topics. **Call 1 (800) 452-4800** to arrange for a speaker.



The statewide network of SHIP sites is growing everyday!



Call 1 (800) 452-4800
to find the location nearest you.

Feeling Lost in a Sea of Health Insurance?



LOCAL HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE

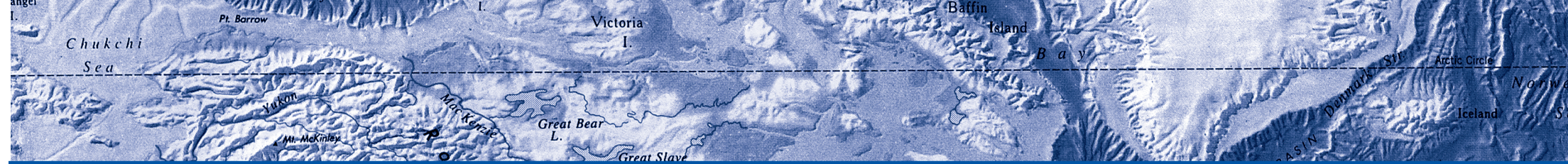
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A **FREE** counseling service from the
Indiana State Department of Insurance
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Who says “What you don’t know, can’t hurt you?!” Most of us find the subject of insurance complicated and confusing. This is especially true of seniors trying to keep up with all of the changes in Medicare.

SHIP can help answer your questions and show you how to find out everything you need to know to make your own informed decisions and chart your own course.

Who are your SHIP-mates?

A crew of volunteer counselors who have completed an intensive 24-hour training course and are certified by the Indiana State Department of Insurance. Regular training updates keep them current with the most recent changes in Medicare and other health care insurance options.

SHIP counselors are committed volunteers who offer you **FREE** and objective assistance, in complete confidence. They are not affiliated with any insurance agent or company, and will not sell or solicit for insurance. So, your name will never be passed along for commercial purposes.

What can they do for you?

Your SHIP counselors can:

- Answer questions about Medicare, Medicare supplement insurance, Medicare managed care plans, Medicaid, long term care financing options, and prescription coverage.
- Provide you with educational materials, a long term care insurance self-assessment guide, and current listings of insurance companies approved to sell various policies in Indiana.
- Show you how to evaluate the various Medicare supplement, long term care, and prescription insurance policies currently available.
- Help you understand and organize your Medicare records.
- Educate you on how Medicare claims are filed and how you can appeal Medicare decisions.
- Teach you to assess your needs so you can make informed decisions about your health insurance policies.

- Inform you of your rights as a Medicare beneficiary or health insurance policyholder.
- Refer you to appropriate agencies that can help you with other needs.

Don’t miss the boat!

Get the information you need to chart your own course. Call this toll-free number or, for one-to-one counseling, visit the SHIP Site nearest you.

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